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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV PRIMIN'S NEPAL VISIT

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SUMMARY: GOY PRIMIN BIJEDIC DEPARTED KATHMANDU MARCH 30 AFTER THREE- DAY OFFICIAL VISIT, DURING WHICH STATEMENTS BOTH SIDES ON PUBLIC OCCASIONS FOCUSED ON SIMILARITY OF OUTLOOK GOY AND GON AS NON- ALIGNED NEUTRAL NATIONS. JOINT COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED DESIRABILITY CONVENING WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AND BEGINNING BILATERAL TALKS TO CONSIDER ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. END SUMMARY.

1. GOY PRIMIN DZEMAL BIJEDIC, ACCOMPANIED BY LARGE ENTOURAGE, ARRIVED KATHMANDU FROM DACCA MARCH 28 FOR OFFICIAL VISIT AND IMMEDIATELY HELICOPTERED TO PROVINCIAL DHANKUTA FOR CALL ON TOURING KING BIRENDRA. GOY PARTY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY FETED ON NUMBER OF OCCASIONS DURING THREE- DAY VISIT AND RECEIVED MAXIMUM PUBLIC EXPOSURE AVAILABLE HERE, WHILE RANKING OFFICIALS MET
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PRIVATELY WITH GONCOUNTERPARTS. IN ALL PUBLIC STATEMENTS BOTH SIDES FOCUSED ON SIMILARITY OF OUTLOOK AS NON- ALIGNED, NEUTRAL NATIONS, WITH FREQUENT LAUDATORY REFERENCE TO FORTHCOMING NON-ALIGNED ALGIERS SUMMIT. PRIMIN BISTA REPORTEDLY SAID BIJEDIC' S CALL ON BIRENDRA WILL " GREATLY CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS" OF ALGIERS SUMMIT (COMMENT: PERHAPS PROVIDING HINT THAT BIRENDRA WILL ATTEND, AS HE DID AS OBSERVER WHEN CROWN PRINCE IN BELGRADE IN 1961).

2. GOY FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER EMIL LUDVIGER (BILLED LOCALLY AS " MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION") MET WITH COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER SINGH AND FOOD AND AGRICULTURE MINISTER BASNYAT AND, ACCORDING PRESS, DISCUSSED " POSSIBILITY OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION." THIS WAS REFLECTED IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH CALLS FOR BILATERAL TALKS TO CONSIDER " CONCRETE" ECONOMIC PROPOSALS.

3. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ALSO CALLS FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE " WITH PARTICIPATION ALL NUCLEAR AND NON NUCLEAR COUNTRIES IN GENERAL INTEREST PEACE AND PROSPERITY AMONG NATIONS", ENUNCIATES " NEED OF FACILITY OF TRANSIT TRAFFIC FOR DIVERSIFICATION AND EXPANSION OF EXTERNAL TRADE OF LAND- LOCKED COUNTRIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH LUSAKA DECLARATIONS", NOTES WITH SATISFACTION CONCLUSION PARIS TREATY ENDING HOSTILITIES IN VIETNAM, AND URGES SETTLEMENT MIDDLE EAST CRISIS ON BASIS UNSC RESOLUTION OF NOVEMBER 1967.

4. COMMENT: GOY IS REPRESENTED IN NEPAL BY AMBASSADOR RESIDENT NEW DELHI, AND RELATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE. WE BELIEVE GON WILL CONTINUE REMAIN STAUNCHLY INDEPENDENT IN NON- ALIGNED CONCLAVE STILL TAKING POSITIONS ON BASIS NATIONAL INTEREST AND OBJECTIVELY CALLING SHOTS AS IT UNDERSTANDS ISSUES. END COMMENT.
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